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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7, and amend the claims as follows:

1-7. (Cancelled)

Please add the following new claims:

8. An apparatus for disconnecting a tool from a tubular string comprising:
a lock;
a lock retainer;
a biasing member for biasing the lock retainer to release the lock; and
a dissolvable member retaining the lock retainer to maintain the lock in a locked position.
9. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the lock is a split ring.
10. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the lock retainer is a sleeve.
11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the sleeve couples a first connection portion to a second connection portion.
12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the first connection portion is coupled to the tubular string and the second connection portion is coupled to the tool.
13. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the dissolvable member is coupled to a hydraulic circuit for operating a downhole tool.
14. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the dissolvable member is a tubular release.
15. The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a weak section of the release.

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16. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the weak section consists of reduced wall thickness.
17. The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising a solution for dissolving the dissolvable member.
18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the solution is an acid.
19. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the biasing member is a spring.
20. A method of disconnecting a tool from a tubular string comprising:
running a tool into a wellbore, wherein the tool is coupled to the tubular string by:
a lock;
a lock retainer;
a biasing member for biasing the lock retainer to release the lock; and
a dissolvable member retaining the lock retainer to maintain the lock in a locked position;
flowing a solution through the tubular string;
dissolving at least a portion of the dissolvable member with the solution;
disconnecting the tool from the tubular string by the biasing member moving the lock retainer.
21. The method of claim 20, wherein the solution is an acid.
22. The method of claim 20, wherein a portion of the dissolvable member has a reduced wall thickness in order to facilitate dissolving.
23. The method of claim 20, wherein the lock is a split ring.
24. The method of claim 20, wherein the lock retainer is a sleeve.

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25. The method of claim 24, wherein the sleeve for couples a first connection portion to a second connection portion.